

transceiver to connect to the incoming call, transfer the information displayed in the first display area to the second display area, and turn off the first display area, when said movable element is moved from the open position to the closed position said controller directs said transceiver to terminate the call, and when said movable element is not opened after a detection of the incoming call, said controller initiates an immediate forwarding of the incoming call to a storage apparatus wherein one of a message is played to a caller and a message is recorded.

7. A portable communication device with first and second display areas, the device comprising:

- a common flexible display element wherein the first and second display areas are substantially perpendicular to each other and the common display element is bent to provide display portions to both the first and second display areas;
- a radio transceiver configured to detect incoming paging calls and incoming telephone calls from a calling unit and to receive information corresponding thereto;
- a controller coupled to the transceiver and the display areas, the controller provides status information of the communication device and controls said first display area to display one of paging information and communication device status information therein and controls said second display area for displaying at least one of telephone call information, paging information and device status information therein, upon connection of the incoming call the controller transfers the information displayed in the first display area to the second display area, and turns off the first display area; and
- a key on the communication device, wherein upon actuation by the key an incoming call is immediately forwarded to an answering system with memory, wherein a message is played to a caller and a message from the caller can be recorded.

8. The portable communication device according to claim 7, wherein the device status information is alphanumeric information including at least one of date and time information, battery level indication, communication "in use" indication, roam indication, duration of a call, "units" of time used for a call, and an amount of money charged for a call.

9. The portable communication device according to claim 7, further comprising a backlight for the first and second display areas, the backlight is adapted to be independently toggled between on and off states through the actuation of a key.

10. The portable communication device according to claim 7, wherein said paging information includes messaging data and caller identification (caller ID) information of a calling unit upon receipt of a call therefrom.

11. The portable communication device according to claim 7, further comprising a movable element movable between an open position and a closed position detectable by the controller, wherein the movable element serves to cover the second display area in the closed position, and wherein

when said movable element is moved from the closed position to the open position said controller directs said transceiver to connect to the incoming call, transfer the information displayed in the first display area to the second display area, and turn off the first display area,

when said movable element is moved from the open position to the closed position said controller directs said transceiver to terminate the call, and

when said movable element is not opened after a detection of the incoming call, said controller initiates an immediate forwarding of the incoming call to a storage apparatus wherein one of a message is played to a caller and a message is recorded.

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